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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GOS REQUEST FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 208583, OCT 20, 1973.

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS OF MURDER TRIAL WITH MININT ABDULLAHI HASSAN LATE MAY 19 (KHARTOUM 1097), HE TOLD ME THERE WAS ONE MATTER OF "DIFFICULTY" INVOLVING HIS MINISTRY AND THE USG. HE THEN SAID POLICY BADLY NEEDED ADDITIONAL VEHICLES EQUIP UNIT IN KHARTOUM AREA AND PROVIDE GREATER MOBILITY FOR BORDER CONTROL UNITS ALONG ETHIOPIAN AND CHADIAN FRONTIERS. HE THOUGHT MIN PUBLIC SERVICES ABDUL RAHMAN ABDALLA HAD MENTIONED THIS REQUEST TO PRESIDENT IN MARCH 1973, AND UNDERSTOOD THAT FONMIN KHALID HAD PURSUED QUESTION IN DETAIL WITH SECRETARY LAST OCTOBER.

2. I TOLD HASSAN SUBJECT HAD INDEED BEEN RAISED WITH SECRETARY BY KHALID BUT THAT WE HAD BEEN AWAITING FURTHER DETAILS. I RECALLED SUBJECT HAD COME UP BRIEFLY DURING ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM'S PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI LAST NOVEMBER. MY IMPRESSION WAS THAT NEWSOM HAD BEEN INFORMED MATTER WAS RESPONSIBILITY VICE PRESIDENT BAGHIR AND THAT EMBASSY WOULD BE HEARING FURTHER FROM HIM. SO FAR, HOWEVER, WE HAD HAD NOTHING FURTHER ON WHOLE QUESTION. HASSAN SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH FONMIN KHALID (WHO NOW ON BRIEF VISIT TO EGYPT) AND WOULD SUGGEST LATTER GET IN TOUCH WITH ME.

3. COMMENT. MININT OBVIOUSLY HAS IN MIND SHOPPING

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LIST REFERRED TO IN STATE REFTEL. SEEMS CLEAR FONMIN KHALID'S

EXTENSIVE ABSENCE FROM KHARTOUM HAVE COMPLICATED ALREADY
ANTIDILUVIAN GOS COORDINATION PROCEDURES ON THIS QUESTION. AS
I REPORTED AT TIME, CONTRARY PARA 4 REFTTEL, MININT HASSAN
NEVER DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH ME. IT APPEARS MININT WAS NEVER
INFORMED BY KHALID OF AMBASSADOR HAMZA'S APPROACH OCTOBER 18.
SINCE BOTH KHALID AND HASSAN WILL BE IN TOWN DURING COMING MAY
25 REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES I BELIEVE WE LIKELY HEAR
SOMETHING FURTHER ON THIS MATTER SHORTLY. OBVIOUSLY, WITH OUR
INTEREST IN ORDERLY PROCESSING BSO CASE AND ASSISTANCE FROM
SUDANESE MINISTRY INTERIOR IN RECOVERING TENNECO HOSTAGES
(KHARTOUM 1077) WE WOULD NOT WISH BE COMPLETELY NEGATIVE ON ANY
SUCH REQUEST. MEANWHILE, WHENEVER MATTER NEXT RAISED WITH ME,
WILL SEEK ESTABLISH PRIORITIES AMONG ITEMS REQUESTED, PER PARA
3 REFTTEL.
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